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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. H. Stanley *018*

SUBJECT: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 2/3/61

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Mr. Evans

BACKGROUND

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Special inquiry opened January 12, 1961, at request of Kennedy Administration. He has been appointed Under Secretary of State.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Ball is a graduate of Northwestern University and practices law in Washington, D. C., with the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball. During the War, he served with the War Department, the Foreign Economic Administration, Lend-Lease Administration, and the Office of Emergency Management.

Ball has been a registered Agent with the Department of Justice for the French government since 1948 as well as Venezuela, the European Coal and Steel Community, the National Cuban Sugar Mills Owners Association, the Cuban Sugar Cane Growers Association, the European Economic Commission and the European Atomic Energy Commission. A United States Information Service dispatch from Paris in October, 1958, reveals that Ball is the sponsor of "Amerique Actuelle."* A lead is still outstanding in an effort to verify this association.

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Ball represented Henry Wallace in his appearance before the Senate Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act regarding Wallace's testimony relating to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Enclosures (2) *sent*
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*Stephen Laird edits the French counterpart of this publication which is called "France Actuelle." In 1956 Laird furnished information to State Department representative that he attended Communist Party meetings prior to 1939 and admitted expressing pro-communist sentiments.

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Ball, together with another attorney from his firm, represented Jefferson Franklin Ray, Jr., in proceedings before a review board hearing. Ray had been investigated in 1949 under the Loyalty Program while an employee of the Economic Cooperation Administration. While under investigation, Ray reportedly had stated that an FBI Agent had told an interviewee that the entire Institute of Pacific Relations personnel were communists. Ray was formerly employed by IPR. The allegation lacked foundation. During the hearings Ball indicated that he believed the statement, that an Agent had made such remarks, was accurate. Because of this the Bureau instructed Washington Field in 1950, in connection with an applicant-type investigation involving Ray for the Voice of America, not to interview Ball in connection with the investigation of Ray. Ball has subsequently been interviewed on other matters and there have been no incidents. This information has not been included in the summary memorandum.

No additional pertinent information appears in Bureau files concerning Ball.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached summary memorandum and cover letter be delivered to Mr. O'Donnell.

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